

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification has been amended to correct reference numerals. To address the Examiner's objections, some elements of the invention that have been previously disclosed in the drawings have been added to the specification. Because these elements were originally present in the drawings, no new matter has been added to the specification as a result of these amendments.

Please amend Page 18, Lines 6-21, as follows:

According to the present embodiment, company node 105 is operable to control "when" publication (*e.g.*, fair dissemination, distribution or other availability) of at least selected portions of the information stored in data repository 125 is available to constituency nodes 110. This may advantageously be accomplished through communications controller 120 which is illustratively arranged to enable company node 105 to modify one or more data records [[129]] 129a, 129b, 129c, 129d and 129n stored in data repository 125, (collectively referred to as data files 129) and to decide when such pending modified commercial information is complete (*e.g.*, technically, factually or legally accurate, thorough, or otherwise satisfactory for publication). Upon a determination of completion, company node 105 may direct communications controller 120 to publish such information from data repository 125 for access by constituency nodes 110. The foregoing feature ensures that "draft"-type versions of commercial information is disseminated prematurely.

Please amend Page 28, Lines 4-11, as follows:

If current user is an authorized subscriber company (“Y” branch of decision step 215), communications controller 120 (i) displays a selected view of a portion of data repository 125 as a function of identifying the subscriber company (process 220), and (ii) processes subscriber company request to review, modify or otherwise process the selected view of the portion of data repository 125 (process step 225); namely, select ones of data files 129. If the subscriber company transaction is not complete, control returns to process step 220. When the subscriber company transaction is complete, the process continues (decision step 230).

Please amend Page 28, Line 22 to Page 29, Line 22, as follows:

Referring momentarily to FIGURE 2B, illustrated is a conceptual block diagram of the selected view of the portion of data repository 125 generated as a function of identifying the subscriber company (here, via company node 105) and displayed at an intranet web site intranet server 151. The selected view of the portion of data repository 125 displayed at the intranet web site illustratively includes financials sub-portion 250, repair sub-portion 251, inventory sub-portion 252, reporting sub-portion 253, business intelligence sub-portion 254, security administration sub-portion 255, training sub-portion 256, helpdesk sub-portion 257, order entry sub-portion ~~[[260]]~~ 258, billing sub-portion 259, marketing sub-portion 260, and sales commission sub-portion 261. The foregoing is introduced by way of example and is neither considered an exclusive nor an inclusive representation of possible sub-portions. An important aspect hereof is that electronic commerce system 100, via communications controller 120 and data repository 125, provides a subscriber company with (i) standardized data repository 125 that indexes and cross-references company information stored in ones of data files 129 by subject and available to one or more constituencies, and (ii) an interface between company node 105 and electronic commerce system 100 that enables the subscriber company to place or update information disclosures on the communications conduit, *e.g.*, constituency interfaces 127.

Please amend Page 30, Lines 1-14, as follows:

Referring again to the discussion of FIGURE 2A, if communications controller 120 determines whether a current user is not a subscriber company (*e.g.*, constituency node 110a to 110n; “N” branch of decision step 205), communications controller (i) displays a selected view of a portion of data repository 125 as a function of identifying the constituency node 110 (process step 235; preferably the interface is a web site or a portion of a web site); and (ii) processes constituency node 110 request to review or otherwise process the selected view of the portion of data repository 125 (process step 240). Through communications controller 120, a constituency node 110 is thereby operable to view company generated information communications or commercial information through constituency interface 127 via global communications network 115. If the user session is not complete, control returns to process step 235. When the user session is complete, control returns to process step 205 (decision step 245).